Tourism development scheme for Konkan region

4099. SHRI G. PRATHAPA ,REDDY: Will the (Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have drawn up a tourism development scheme for the Konkan region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the deails of the agreement held between Konkan Railway Corporation and tour operators from Hyderabad in this regard; and

(d) the role played by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AMD MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) The State Government of Maharashtra has identified Sindhu Durg Distt. in Konkan region as Special Tourism Area for the development of Tourism in the State and have prepared an integrated infrastructure deveopment plan.

(c) and (d). According to Ministry of Railways, under the agreement between the Konkan Railway Corporation and Patil Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd., Secounderabad the tour operator will provide coaches for the luxury tourist train arrange for facilities like seats, catering facilities, reservation, unboard services and ticketing. The Konkan Railway Corporation will provide all necessary facilities for operation of the train such as, track signaling, station premises, locomotives, telecommunication, train crew, access to and from platform, etc.

The operators will pay haulage charges for each trip and also pay 12 per cent of gross monthly turnover as share of profit to Konkan Railway Corporation.

Yatri Niwas in Maharashtra

4100. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of existing Yatri Niwas in Maharashtra as on date with details of their locations;

(b) whether Goovernmeat propose to construct new'Yatri Niwas in the State for providing lodging facilities to middle class domestic tourists;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) facilities being provided in the existing Yatri Niwas of the State and existing room charges therein; and

(e) whether State Government have given any roposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) There are two Yatri Niwases in Maharashtra one at Shegaon, Buldana distt. and another in Latur, distt. Latur.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal pending in the Department of Tourism, Government _of India for the construction of Yatri Niwas.

(d) The Yatri Niwas of Shegaon has nine rooms each with six beds and twelve rooms each with two beds. The room rents are Rs. 175 and Rs. 125 resectively. Besides this, restaurant and toilet facilities are available. The Yatri Niwas of Latur has been recetly completed and it has dormitories with total thirty two beds, with restaurant and other facilities. The charges are nominal.

(e) The State Government has not submitted any new proposal.

Tourism Celtres Developed in Gujarat with Central assistance

4101. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:"

(a) the total number of Tourism Centres developed in Gujarat with